



Commonwealth of Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet

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Energy and Environment Cabinet Awards Grants to Clean Up Illegal Dumps *Funding goes to 24 Kentucky counties*

Frankfort, Ky. (Jan. 6, 2014) – The Energy and Environment Cabinet today announced that approximately \$1.36 million in grant funding has been awarded by the Kentucky Pride Fund for cleanup of 129 illegal dumps in 24 counties across the Commonwealth.

The following counties have been awarded grants: Breathitt, Bullitt, Carlisle, Christian, Clark, Crittenden, Cumberland, Elliott, Green, Hart, Henderson, Lee, Leslie, Lincoln, Logan, Madison, Magoffin, Marion, Mason, Warren, Wayne, Whitley, Wolfe and Woodford.

As part of the grant funding, counties must agree to provide a 25 percent match when it costs less than \$50,000 to cleanup an individual, illegal open dump. The Energy and Environment Cabinet may waive the 25 percent match on any individual illegal open dump costing more than \$50,000 to remediate.

The Division of Waste Management administers the Kentucky Pride Fund to clean up county dump sites. Funding for the program comes from a \$1.75 environmental remediation fee for each ton of garbage disposed of at Kentucky municipal solid waste disposal facilities. This “tipping fee,” authorized by the 2002 General Assembly under House Bill 174, is collected quarterly and placed in the Kentucky Pride Fund.

For grant amounts, call your local solid waste coordinator or Lisa Evans at 502-564-6716.

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